

**SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2010
12:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
	Dennis Fife	Mayor-Elect
	Scott Ericson	Incumbent Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember-Elect
ALSO PRESENT:	Jim Buchanan	Director of Emergency Services
	Dave Burnett	Interim Director of Public Power
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Sue Hill	Director of Library
	Jared Johnson	Community Development Manager
	Paul Larsen	Director of Economic Development
	Kristy Law	Recreation Supervisor
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Blake Fannesbeck	Director of Public Works
	Mike Nelsen	Police Lieutenant
	Tyler Pugsley	Asst Director of Public Works
	Jason Roberts	Director of Finance
	Mark Bradley	City Planner
	Cathy Wood	Cemetery Sexton

The Council met in a special session for administration of the oaths of office to the newly elected Councilmembers. Ms. Christensen welcomed the family and friends of the councilmembers and turned the time over to Judge Hadfield.

Judge Hadfield stated that he recently read a biography on Abraham Lincoln. After he was elected president, he stood on the platform of the caboose on a train in Springville, Illinois, waiting to leave to be inaugurated. He had very mixed emotions, a lot of sadness. He told the people in Springville, unless you were in my shoes you can't understand how I feel. Partly because of the challenge he was moving toward, and partly because he was leaving Springville. Springville was a small town and he loved it there. It was where he had started his career, where he had courted and married and where his children had been raised. He said, "I leave not knowing when, or if, I will ever return," and of course he didn't. It is a great opportunity to live in a small town. Brigham City is a great place to live and it is a great opportunity to give back to the community. It will be a great experience for those who were elected.

Judge Hadfield invited Scott Ericson, Tyler Vincent and Dennis Fife to come forward and administered the oaths of office to them.

Ms. Christensen expressed appreciation to Judge Hadfield and invited the newly elected officers to make some remarks.

Councilmember Vincent said it has been exhilarating to run for office. He loves Brigham City and is excited to be able to serve the community. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Fife. He has great resources and great knowledge and will represent the City well. He hopes to vote for things that are in the best interest of the citizens. The City's values are "honesty and integrity." He felt that government has lost a lot of that. It is something he wants to install in Brigham City.

Councilmember Ericson stated that he was excited to work with a new Mayor and new Council. It is a great opportunity to refocus and look at what is really important for City government and focus on those things. There are a lot of great things happening in the City, but he did not think it was realistic to try and do all of them. It is better to focus on what is important and provide municipal services to residents that they expect.

Mayor Fife came forward and introduced his family. He said there has been a lot of feelings and controversy over the last few years with some projects, especially the last few months with the fiber optic system. It was his hope that he and the Council can learn to listen to every citizen, young and old. That is the only way to

really know what the citizens want and desire in the community. The City is for the people and not bureaucracies. It always comes down to the fact of the family. This should always be kept in mind. There are great things to look forward to. The City is feeling this recession just like everyone else. Many cities are in a much more difficult situation than Brigham City. The City is in very good financial condition. It is his hope to continue to manage things properly to be able to meet obligations. As the City goes forward, it is important not to dredge up things from the past, but try to appropriately evaluate and make the best of the commitments that have been made and new commitments in the future. He was recently asked to give a speech on what it means to be a good citizen. It starts with making a secure family and home, respecting others, being an informed voter and obeying the laws. But it also means being involved in the City. Citizens should know what is going on and understand the issues. He paraphrased President Kennedy, "Ask not what Brigham City can do for you, but ask what you can do for Brigham City."

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.